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COLD STORAGE TO INCREASE.
BIG ADDITION TO BE MADE TO THE PRESENT PLANT OF COMPANY.
ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE BUSINESS.

Inability to accommodate more than three-quarters of the orders for space in its present structure and feeling the need of more room to fill the needs of its steadily increasing business, the Gloucester Cold Storage & Warehouse Co. has decided to erect another cold storage warehouse, on Rogers street, close to its present building. The final plans for the same were considered and approved at a meeting of the board directors last evening.

The company has purchased of Benjamin A. Smith and Fred A. and Frank C. Pearce, the property on Rogers street, just to the right of the driveway leading to its present quarters and extending over to the driveway leading to the old Langsford wharf. The building formerly used as store and office for the Langsford concern will be torn down as will be the cooper shop and other small buildings adjoining. The large building on the easterly corner of the property will remain for the present.

On the site of the buildings thus removed the company will erect a storage warehouse 75x65 feet, four stories on Rogers street and five stories in the rear, fitted with brine circulation and so constructed as to afford separate temperature for each of the many compartments and able to properly care for any assortment of goods. The building, for fire protection, will be fitted with a sprinkler system.

It will be constructed of hard pine, with cork insulation on the bottom and top. The walls will be constructed in the usual storage warehouse method, with mill shavings for packing. The work will be done by the company itself, which will hire men to do the work under the personal supervision of M. J. Palson, manager of the company, so that everything will be as desired. The new structure will be fitted with an electric elevator, a large one, capable of lifting a jigger crate of fish to any floor.

The First Four Floors Will Be Used for medium and high temperature work, while the top story will be reserved for general storage. The company expects also to issue negotiable warehouse receipts for merchants and is also considering the establishment of a bonded department.

The power will be supplied from the power plant of the present building, the brine being pumped over in underground conduits. The new building will have 175,000 cubic feet of storage space.

In connection with the work of building the new structure, the directors have decided to issue 200 shares more of capital stock, to be divided pro rata among the present stockholders.

The farther section of the present building, that is the end near the water front will be for the company's own use while the end near to the new building will be let to parties for low temperature work. A ten ton ice making plant, is now nearing completion in the present building.

The Company Has Had Phenomenal Growth.

Starting six years ago, with the Rockport Cold Storage Co., those quarters in that town were quickly outgrown and the building on the site of the present structure was built four years ago. Then came the destructive fire in July, 1907, which wiped that out, and in its place rose the building now used, with three times the capacity of the burned one.

The growth has been steady and since the opening of the present building a year ago last December, the needs of more room have been apparent. This has resulted in the determination of the directors to still farther increase its storage space and the vote to build the building described above is the result.

At the meeting of the directors last evening, Thomas J. Carroll was elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Nagle.

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HAGUE FISHERY AGREEMENT HELD UP.
NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA OBJECT TO FORM OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

Several complications, before unforeseen, have arisen in the matter of the form of the questions at issue in the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, to be submitted to The Hague, and an argument will probably not be reached for several days.

Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root had some time ago agreed on the terms of the questions to be submitted, but at the conference Saturday night at Washington, participated in by these officials, together with Minister of Justice Kent of Newfoundland and Minister of Justice Aylesworth of Canada, several complications arose. The conference lasted several hours and at its close an announcement was made that because of the several complications, an agreement had not been reached and probably would not be reached for some time.

It is announced in Washington that this delay will probably cause Secretary Root to further delay his resignation from the office of secretary of state, as he is very anxious to have this matter settled before he takes leave of his high office.

The delay in the proceedings is not unexpected here, as was to be expected that both Newfoundland and Canada, particularly the former, would make strenuous efforts to have the matter to be presented to the Hague, in a form, as favorable as possible to their interests.

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Fish Business Hard Hit.

The Italian earthquake has hit the fish business of St. John, N. F., pretty hard. Italy and Portugal are usually large importers of salt and dried fish, the principal products of the colony, but recent disasters in those countries have crippled the purchasing power of the people.

In Sicily, thousands of quintals of fish sent in from the different outports during the early fall are still lying in the big warehouses on the water front awaiting a market that will give a fair price.

The inability of the St. Johns merchants to sell their wares has already begun to be felt in the isolated districts along the northeast and south coasts of the colony.

Many of the fishermen are reported as being in dire want, and before the winter is over, should relief not be received, it is feared that starvation will have claimed many a victim. The fishermen are entirely dependent on the merchants at the capital for existence.

Some of the Newfoundland merchants are reported to be worried about some of their vessels which have sailed, with fish cargoes, for southern Italy and have not been heard from.

While the earthquakes in Italy and floods in Portugal have indirectly contributed to the business depression in Newfoundland, the deadlock in the Newfoundland legislature is said to be partly responsible.

Fishing Sloop Ashore.
The fishing sloop Sarah A., which went ashore at Higgins' beach near Portland in the snow storm Wednesday last, will be floated as soon as her ballast is taken out and her hold freed of water. The sloop went on at nearly high tide and drove well up on the beach.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith arrived at Liverpool Thursday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Margie Turner, with 9000 pounds of fresh fish, was at Portland Sunday. Sch. Mary E. Sennett had 5000 pounds, sch. Marion E. Turner, 22,000 pounds, Robert and Carr, 5000 pounds, and Kate L. Turner, 7000 pounds.

To Plant More Lobsters.
George M. Bowers, United States commissioner of fisheries, declared yesterday that while the government planted 2,287,000,000 fish and lobsters last year, it was expected that even that figure would be exceeded this season.

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Today's Receipts.
Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Conqueror, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Patrician, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.
Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37 1-2, Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck headline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.
Sch. Onato, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 38,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Florida, 5000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 2500 cod, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 42,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$2.

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BENZOATE OF SODA NOT INJURIOUS.
REFREEE BOARD SO REPORTS AFTER THREE SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS.
DR. WILEY WILL RESIGN POSITION AS CHIEF OF HEALTH BOARD.

Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, is expected to resign from the government service since the secretary of agriculture has approved the report of President Roosevelt's referee board, made public Saturday, that benzoate of soda is not detrimental to health when used as a preservative of food.

While Dr. Wiley refuses to discuss the matter for publication, he has told friends that is what he proposes to do and that he already has it in mind to enter the employ of a big weekly in New York which has been aiding him in his almost lifelong fight against adulterated foods and drugs.

The referee board's report adverse to his contentions about the injurious effects of benzoate of soda as a food preservative and against the use of saccharine comes after a most bitter campaign against the chief chemist.

Three separate investigations were made by the board which, it is stated, were in close agreement in all essential features.

The main conclusions reached by the referee board are as follows:

First, sodium benzoate in small doses (under 0.5 gram per day), mixed with the food, is without deleterious or poisonous action and is not injurious to health.

Second, sodium benzoate in large doses (up to 4 grams per day), mixed with the food, has not been found to exert any deleterious effect on the general health nor to act as a poison in the general acceptance of the term. In some directions there were slight modifications in certain physiological processes, the exact significance of which modifications is not known.

Third, the admixture of sodium benzoate with food in small or large doses has not been found to injuriously affect or impair the quality or value of such food.

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WEALTH FROM SEA.

December Fish Receipts at
This Port and Boston.

According to the figures of the United States Fish Commission, 105 fares, aggregating 2,127,975 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$42,784 and 4,692,443 pounds of salt fish valued at \$94,428, a total of 6,819,638 pounds valued at \$137,212 were landed at this port during December and 408 fares aggregating 6,213,350 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$155,890 and 680,000 pounds of salt fish valued at \$13,600, a total of 6,893,350 pounds valued at \$169,490, were landed at Boston for the same month.

The receipts in detail at each port were as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh Cod	424,018	\$7,636
Salt Cod	629,907	23,342
Fresh Cusk	52,333	905
Salt Cusk	8,317	209
Fresh Haddock	134,297	2,226
Salt Haddock	19,623	293
Fresh Hake	132,174	1,219
Salt Hake	8,290	123
Fresh Pollock	524,365	3,846
Salt Pollock	90,711	1,361
Fresh Halibut	50,788	4,882
Salt Halibut	999	72
Fresh Herring	810,000	22,160
Salt Herring	3,934,596	69,028

Boston.

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh Cod	1,618,400	\$50,097
Fresh Cusk	140,800	2,814
Fresh Haddock	2,393,800	71,291
Fresh Hake	837,200	17,123
Fresh Pollock	1,209,400	13,439
Fresh Halibut	13,750	1,126
Salt Herring	680,000	13,600

COUNCIL AT THE HAGUE.

Lewis S. Dabney of Boston Among
the United States Attorneys.

A Washington report is to the effect that Secretary Root has engaged Ex-Senator George Turner of Spokane; Lewis S. Dabney of Boston; Attorney Lansing of New York and Dr. John Brown Scott to serve as American council before the Hague tribunal, which is to arbitrate the long-standing fisheries dispute between this country and Great Britain, growing out of the treaty of 1818. The selection of Mr. Turner grew out of Mr. Root's association with the Spokane man, when the two, with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, served as American members of the court of arbitration, which, sitting in London, settled the Alaska boundary dispute between the United States and Great Britain.

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WILL GET AWARD.

Heroes of Sch. Conqueror
To Take Out Big Fare.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, came to this port from Boston this forenoon and towed into the Reed and Gamage wharf to take out the remainder of her large fresh fish fare, and the captain and crew will receive the awards recently given them by the Massachusetts Humane Society.

After swaying out the fish, the captain and his men will come over to the office of the owner of the vessel, John Chisholm, to settle up the voyage and will then be presented with the testimonials of their brave and heroic work in rescuing the crew of the sinking British sch. Eric, off Nauset, last fall, in the teeth of a 70 mile an hour gale.

A framed certificate of merit will be given Capt. Giffin and a medal and \$15 for each of the five men of the crew who went in the two dories and took off the Eric's crew.

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BUREAU REPORT.

Boston Fish Receipts Made
Increase Last Year.

The 34th annual report of the Boston Fish Bureau gives an interesting comparative table of receipts of fresh fish at Boston, direct from the fleet.

The receipts reported for each year are as follows:

	1907. pounds.	1908. pounds.
Haddock	36,082,200	37,581,600
Cod	29,274,950	27,502,000
Hake	9,963,400	11,365,800
Cusk	2,324,200	1,668,100
Pollock	4,244,100	6,617,400
Halibut	215,630	301,550
Total	82,104,480	85,036,450

The total receipt of all kinds of fresh fish at Boston landed direct from the fishing fleet, for 1908 were 91,877,580 pounds.

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TAKES SMALL FISH.

Haddock Fishery Damaged
by Steam Trawler.

The damage done by steam trawlers to the fishing grounds is forcibly exemplified by the fact that the steam trawler Spray, out of a trip of 70,000 pounds landed at Boston on Monday, had 25,000 pounds of "scrod" or baby haddock.

On about every trip, the Spray has had large amounts of scrod haddock, frequently having 10,000 and 15,000 pounds, while the ordinary trawler might have 2000 or 3000 pounds. The skippers do not hesitate to say, as they have always said, that this kind of work hurts any fishery in which such a craft is engaged, by catching up the small fish.

APPOINTED ON FUR SEAL BOARD.

Mr. Alexander Given New Position in
Bureau of Fisheries.

For administrative purposes Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor has transferred the fur seal service to the jurisdiction of the bureau of fisheries, and the details of office administration have been placed with a fur seal board, consisting of Dr. Barton W. Everman, chairman; Walter I. Lembkey, M. C. Marsh, James Judge and A. B. Alexander.

Mr. Alexander is assistant in charge of the division of fisheries and statistics of the Bureau of Fisheries, and for the past four seasons has represented the state department at the seat of the herring fishery, Bay of Islands. He is well known and liked here, his good work being greatly appreciated by all connected with the herring fishery.

HERRING NEWS.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell Arrives With
Cargo from Nova Scotia.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Thomas Benham, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Jordan River, N. S., with 400 barrels of salt herring. Capt. Benham reports that there was evidently a lot of herring there, but the recent easterly storm swept away about all of the fishing gear of the people there, and left them without means of catching fish. The fish are of good size, and had things worked right, the craft would have had no difficulty in securing a full load.

Sch. Muriel B. Walters of Luenburg, N. S., cleared from her home port a few days ago for Newfoundland, for a cargo of frozen herring. This probably is the vessel which has been chartered by Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this city, to go to Connaigre Bay for a cargo of frozen herring, the fish for which are barred and awaiting her arrival.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley reports sighting a fleet of haddockers jogging off Cape Negro, N. S., a few days ago.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream of this port, put into Halifax, N. S., on Saturday for repairs. She landed 8000 pounds of fresh halibut, to be shipped to Boston, and after repairing, cleared for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Hope, Capt. Procter, which arrived from shore fishing this morning, reports blowing away her jumbo off here last night.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. A. A. Booth, Boston for St. John, N. B.

Sch. Metinic, Boston for Vinal Haven.

Sch. Annie R. Lewis, Stonington for New York.

United States Light House Tender Mayflower, cruising.

GOOD HALIBUT TRIP.

Sch. Paragon Has Trip of Finest
Kind of Fish.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon, came in this morning and she had something to come for, because nicely iced in her pens were about 45,000 pounds of the finest kind of halibut, with a few salt fish packed away in one of the wing pens, just to help out.

The fare is the finest halibut catch of the winter and shows that Capt. Bill is bound to keep up his big record of the past few years, by which he has made himself and his good craft famous.

Capt. Hermon reports making the catch on Quero bank, having rather indifferent weather, that is, one or two days stormy and the next giving them a chance to stick out their trawls. They found fine fishing, as the good trip shows, and Capt. Hermon and his boys are in for a good check.

It looks as though others might share in the prosperity to some extent for the skipper reports that when he left the ground for home he left schs. Margaret, Selma and Kineo there.

The fare of sch. Paragon sold to the New England Fish Co.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Co. at 10 1-2 cents per pound for white and 8 1-2 cents for gray.

S. G. Poole & Sons received a consignment of Pacific halibut flitches this morning. The goods were large and of fine quality.

LOW PRICES AT BOSTON.

Although Only Five Market Boats
Are at This Port Today.

For the big Wednesday market there are only seven market boats at T wharf, Boston, this morning, with small fares. Altogether they leave but \$5,000 pounds of fish, which is practically nothing, yet the prices hang low, all things considered. But \$2 and \$3 are offered for haddock and \$4 to \$4.25 for large cod. Usually, under existing conditions, skippers would look for a \$5 market.

High Liners of the Fleet.

In its list of high liners of the vessels in various branches of the fishery, the Bureau report gives the following as the high liners of the vessel marketing their fares at T wharf, all, with the exceptions of sch. Pontiac, which was serving three months last summer, being engaged wholly in haddocking and shacking:

Sch. Mary C. Santos, Capt. Manuel C. Santos, of Provincetown, \$40,100.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, of Gloucester, \$32,000.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, of Boston, \$32,000.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, of Gloucester, \$31,190.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, Capt. George Perry, of Boston, \$29,000.

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Making Quick Passages.

The steam trawler Spray which was at Boston Monday, has been making some quick passages to Georges and back lately. Since Chief Engineer Norman has applied his genius to the intricate workings of her motive power, and not forgetting her able skipper, Capt. Michael Green, the craft has been enabled to complete the round trip in three days, and generally manages to bring home a good fare of fish.

Had Poor Season.

The Western Star says that the boat herring fishermen at Bay of Islands made scarcely an average season, but fortunately lost very few nets.

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Sch. Lucinda L. Lowell, Jordan Riv-
er, N. S., 311 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 45,000
lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 1000
lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Viking, shore.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gut-
ted, 60 cents.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, medi-
ums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for
white and 8 1-2 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock,
\$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25
per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for mar-
kets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, West-
ern cod, large \$1.75; mediums,
\$1.37 1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.75;
medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large,
\$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snap-
pers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.;
pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for
large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Raymah, 40,000 haddock, 10,000
cod.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 7000 haddock,
500 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock,
1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 5000 cod.
Sch. Valentina, 1000 haddock, 5000
cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 10,000 had-
dock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock,
1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per cwt.;
large cod, \$4.00 to \$4.25; market cod,
\$2.50 to \$3.25; hake, \$2.25 to \$5.00; pol-
lock, \$3.00.

In 1852 the Frenzee system of len-
ticular glasses was introduced from
France, and still remains, and it is
impossible for a keeper to maintain
poor light with this apparatus with-
out flagrant disobedience to instruc-
tions.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Gladiator, Green Bank, 24,000
lbs. halibut.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, via Bos-
ton.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Frances P. Mosquita, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Viking, shore.
Sch. Georgianna, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Mina Swim, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.

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ted, 60 cents.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, medi-
ums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for
white and 8 1-2 cts. for gray.
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medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large,
\$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snap-
pers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.;
pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for
large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 1500 had-
dock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Pontiac.
Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 30,000 had-
dock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 200
cod.
Sch. M. Madeliene, 500 haddock,
6000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 12,000 had-
dock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 3000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 7000 had-
dock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Aspinet, 7000 haddock, 1000
cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 10,000 haddock, 200
cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Athena, 5000 haddock, 1000
cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 8000 haddock, 500
cod.
Sch. Hortense, 8000 haddock, 1000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 20,000 had-
dock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. On Time, 3000 cod.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 7000 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3.15 per cwt.; large
cod, \$3.25 to \$4; market cod, \$1.50 to
\$2; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Gatherer, Ipswich for Boston.
Sch. Herman Kimball, Rockport,
Me., for Boston.
Sch. Mattie J. Alles, Provincetown
for Portland.
Br/ sch. Tasmania, Boston for
Lunenburg, N. S.

Small Pox at Newfoundland.

According to information brought
by the steamer Bruce from Port Au
Basque, N. F., to Sydney, C. B., a
small pox epidemic is raging in New-
foundland, and 350 cases are reported
in that colony. Most of the cases
were in the vicinity of Ramea on the
southwest coast.

At Port au Basque four cases had
developed, but no fatalities. The
disease is of the usual type, and the
authorities are using every precau-
tion to stamp it out.

The locality where it is reported is
where Gloucester fishermen usually
call in early spring, so that the
above notice will be a warning for
them to keep clear of that infected
zone.

DEADLOCK ON FISHERIES

**Proposed Agreement Not Satisfactory
to Newfoundland Government**

St. John's, Jan. 29.—The colonial
government has not given its assent,
as yet, to the proposed fishery agree-
ment between Great Britain and the
United States, and the opinion is ex-
pressed in some quarters that it will
fail.

Premier Bond and his cabinet de-
cline to discuss the situation for pub-
lication, but it is admitted in gov-
ernment circles that a deadlock ex-
ists.

The opposition press holds the view-
point that Bond is unwilling to allow
claims of American vessel owners for
damages caused by the detention of
schooners to be submitted to The
Hague for arbitration.

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TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Winnifred, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

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ted, 60 cents.
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pers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.;
pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for
large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Romance, 25,000 haddock, 10,-
000 cod.
Sch. Dictator, 10,000 hake, 4000
cusk, 22,000 halibut.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 8000 cod.
Shore haddock, left over from
Thursday, \$3.50 per cwt.; hake, \$3;
cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 10 and 8 cts. per
lb.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Reliance, Boston for Port-
land.
Steamer Massasoit, Eastport for
Boston.
Sch. Samuel Castner, Jr., Calais for
Port Chester.
Sch. G. M. Coster, Calais for Port
Chester.

Large Codfish.

Sch. Seaconnet, which arrived at
Boston yesterday, had some good
sized codfish, two out of the trip
weighing over 45 pounds, while two
others went 51 pounds each.

RECORD PRICE FOR BAIT.

Two Bushels of Squid Sold for \$50. at
Provincetown.

The limit in the price of fresh bait
was reached a few days ago at Pro-
vincetown, when two bushels of squid,
or about two thirds of a barrel, sold
from John Williams' trap for the un-
heard of price of \$50. There must have
been some bidding and the shore fisher-
men must have wanted fresh bait worse
than they ever did before.

Halibut Fare at Boston.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson,
who went out the first week in this
month, arrived at Boston yesterday
afternoon with a snug fare, 22,000
pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of
fresh fish. She fished on Quero bank
and Capt. Thompson reports bad wea-
ther. The fish brought 10 cents per
pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Scarcity of Fishing Arrivals.

About as dull as can be is the situa-
tion in the fishing arrival line, both here
and at Boston this morning, for there
are no vessels in here with fish, and the
only one to show up at T wharf is sch.
Romance of this port, a week out, with
35,000 pounds of fresh fish. Friday is
not much of a market day, but Capt.
Corkum will get something out of the
trip all right.

Shore Boats Iced Up.

Some of the shore boats came in
here this morning pretty well iced up,
showing that the temperature outside
was good and frosty.

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**UNCLE SAM'S CHAIN OF LIGHT
HOUSES.**

The goal toward which the Light-
house Board of this country is striv-
ing is a continuous chain of light-
houses, completely encircling the
United States and possessions, and in
the case of rivers and inland seas
bounding the waters on all sides, so
that a ship may never leave the area
of a light thrown by one lighthouse
before entering the circle of the light
of another. As fast as congress will
appropriate the money the gaps are
being filled.

It is frequently asked of lighthouse
keepers why electricity is not used
in place of oil. The answer is that
an electric light is expensive to in-
stall and difficult and expensive to
maintain. There is always difficulty
in keeping the arc exactly in the fo-
cal point of the lenses, the carbons
never burning twice alike and con-
stant watching being necessary. Failure
to have the light sources ex-
actly alike in the focal point of the
lens results in sending the light rays
up or down, instead of straight out
where they are wanted.

Electricity, while superior in pen-
etrative power in a fog, has no ad-
vantage over a powerful oil lantern
in clear weather. Mineral oil, colza
oil, or lard oil lights of the first order
could be seen for a hundred miles,
were it not for the curvature of the
earth, and as long as the light is vis-
ible long before the coast is, all pur-
poses are served.

It is only within recent years that
mineral oil has been in use for light
houses. Lard oil succeeded colza oil
and was used exclusively up to 1880,
and with mineral oil up to 1889.
Since the latter year mineral oil has
been used entirely, except where elec-
tricity has been experimented with
or coal oil, or acetylene gas. So far
coal oil, for power efficiency, ease of
operation and cheapness holds its
own against all other means of light
making.